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SUBJ: EMERGENCY POL SUPPLIES FOR ZAIRE

REF: STATE 54040; DAR 1021

FOLLOWING IS DATA REQUESTED IN REFTELS. INFO SUPPLIED
ON HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS BY PRIVATE NON-GOVT SOURCE.

1. AS OF 28 FEB ZAMBIA HELD FOLLOWING STOCKS OF REFINED
PRODUCT:

REGULAR GAS 28 DAYS SUPPLY OR 3,723 CUBIC METERS

PREMIUM GAS 48.3 DAYS OR 18,485 CUBIC METERS

GAS OIL (DIESEL) 37.9 DAYS OR 41,728 CUBIC METERS

ABOVE STOCKS HELD IN NODOLA TANK FARM. TO THIS CAN BE

ADDED APPROXIMATELY 7 DAYS SUPPLY EACH PRODUCT IN LUSAKA

STORAGE OR AT COMMERCIAL OUTLETS. CRUDE STORAGE

CAPACITY AT NDOLA IS 33,819 CUBIC METERS OF "SPIKED

CRUDE" OR 20 DAYS SUPPLY. ZAMBIA CRUDE STORAGE DONE

MAINLY AT DAR WHERE CAPACITY IS 149,128 CUBIC

METERS OR 32.9 DAYS SUPPLY.

2. NDOLA REFINERY RATED AT 25,000 BARRELS PER

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DAY OUTPUT BUT HAS RARELY EXCEEDED 20,000 BARRELS

PER DAY. CURRENTLY OPERATING AT 18,500 BARRELS

PER DAY (THIS FIGURE APPROXIMATE ONLY). TYPICAL

PRODUCTION AS FOLLOWS FOR LAST NINE MONTHS:

283,224 MT DIESEL, 111,209 MT PREMIUM, 28,349 MT

REGULAR. UNUSED CAPACITY EXISTS AT NDOLA IN SMALL

AMOUNT BUT "SPIKED CRUDE" INPUT AT REFINERY WOULD

MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO INCREASE PRODUCT OUTPUT OF
DIESEL OR OTHER FUELS.

3. RATED CAPACITY OF DAR/NDOLA PIPELINE IS 3800
CUBIC METERS PER DAY. ESTIMATED CURRENT FLOWTHROUGH
IS 2500 CM PER DAY DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES.
UNCERTAIN WHETHER THROUGHPUT COULD BE JACKED UP TO
MAXIMUM WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT REPAIR/MAINTENANCE.
CRUDE ENTERING LINE AT DAR TAKES 53 DAYS TRANSIT
TIME TO REACH NDOLA.

4. LUBE OIL STOCKS IN COUNTRY VERY LIMITED AND
ESTIMATED AT NO MORE THAN 30 DAYS. THESE LUBES USED
TO BE SUPPLIED BY TRUCK FROM MOMBASA. THIS HAS BEEN
SUSPENDED BUT UNDERSTAND TANZANIA IS PRESENTLY
PERMITTING SEABORNE TRANSPORT OF LUBE FROM MOMBASA
TO DAR FOR OVERLAND TRANSPORT TO ZAMBIA.

5. ZAMBIA CURRENTLY EXPORTING PRODUCT TO ZAIRE
WITH SHIPMENT VIA PETRO ZAIRE RAIL CARS FROM
NDOLA. FEBRUARY SHIPMENTS TO ZAIRE WERE 6,784
CUBIC METERS DIESEL, 914 CUBIC METERS AV GAS AND
2,046 CUBIC METERS PREMIUM GAS. (NDOLA REFINERY
DESIGNED WITH EXPORT MARKET IN MIND.)

6. AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE ABOVE FIGURES, ZAMBIA
HAS VERY LITTLE FLEXIBILITY IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
POL TO SHABA WITHOUT RUNNING DOWN ITS OWN STOCKS.
HOWEVER, IF ZAIRE SHOULD APPROACH GRZ FOR AN INCREASE
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IN SUPPLIES BEYOND THAT NORMALLY PROVIDED BY NDOLA,
WE BELIEVE GRZ WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE POINT
WHERE ITS OWN STOCKS WERE NOT DRAWN DOWN TO DANGEROUS
LEVELS. THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY TRUE IF THE REQUEST
WERE FRAMED IN TERMS OF A NORMAL INCREASE TO POL
ALREADY SUPPLIED AND IF THE INCREASED SUPPLY WAS
PAID FOR IN HARD CURRENCY AND IN CASH. WE SUSPECT
THAT A PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE POL ON A CREDIT BASIS
WOULD RECEIVE MUCH LESS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE, GIVEN
ZAIRE'S PAST POOR RECORD IN MAKING RAPID PAYMENT FOR POL
SUPPLIED ON CREDIT. LOW

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